



## Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor  
—Alex. H. Washburn—

### Democracy No Safer Than Events Allow

I think there is a message for every American in the sad story of Eduard Benes, last president of Czechoslovakia, whose death was reported in a Prague dispatch on this page yesterday.

In 1918 Benes and the late Thomas G. Masaryk threw out the foreign rulers of old Bohemia and founded the Republic of Czechoslovakia. Benes lived to see the day when the government he had founded was torn down again — and from the inside.

Communists working in concert with Russia organized demonstrations against the duly-elected president and parliament — and Benes chose to give the presidency rather than carry on as a discredited figurehead for the conspirators. He retired from public life and may be presumed to have died of a broken heart. He was 64.

I say there is a message in this man's story for all Americans. And this is why:

The Czechs have everything it takes to make democracy work. They are thrifty, intelligent and courageous, with a particularly strong tradition for self-rule — in this respect resembling the Swiss. But unlike the Swiss, the Czechs had no mountain fortress to hold up in when powerful neighbors acted ugly.

Democracy is man's ideal way of life, but democracy that can't win war will go down — just like any other breed of government.

Many Americans have only a shadowy notion of what it takes to create and hold together a self-governing nation. If you were to ask the people in the street what democracy is, they would probably say, "It's a government where everybody votes."

But everybody votes in Italy and France — and you could make out a pretty good case that voting is what destroyed them.

In the tragedy of Benes and Czechoslovakia, that which was a leader and a people with all the elements of democratic greatness — beyond anything Italy and France have shown for a generation — but the man and his country went down simply because the small and the weak are usually overwhelmed.

It is a reminder that we Americans have the greatest of all governments, a popular-voting democracy stabilized by constitutional law which keeps our people from voting themselves into chaos. Beyond this all we have to do is to be constantly on guard against enemies abroad and traitors at home.

What happened to Czechoslovakia was tragic.

But could it ever happen to the United States? It would be the greatest piece of cowardice in all recorded history.

Psychiatrists' Mass Diagnosis Is Much Like Mass Hysteria  
BY JAMES THRASHER

The world's great powers are wallowing in a mass case of guilt-induced neurosis if one is to believe the news from the International Conference on Mental Health in London.

One London analyst says that the United States has "an enormous sense of guilt about dropping the atomic bomb on the Japanese" and that Britain has a "terrific amount of guilt about American generosity."

Another analyst says that the United States is "guilty of introducing such things as social responsibility, taxi dancing, planned parenthood, cocktail parties and sanitation."

A London mental scientist advanced the idea, which we gather are said and accepted that violence is always connected with guilt, and that guilt and fear and guilt and hate often stimulate each other. At least those ideas seem to be accepted as far as individuals go. But we wonder—at the risk of getting over our head in a strange pond—whether those observations can be applied as safely to nations as to individuals.

To do that would be to assume at the beginning that every citizen of a nation was oppressed with an individual sense of guilt which was unrecognized and unresolved. It would also have to be assumed that every individual expressed his guilt neurosis in much the same explained on the basis of mass neurosis.

It must certainly be true that a person's subconscious emotional disturbances sometimes come to the surface as Stalinesque communism or fascism or Nazism or ultra-conservatism. A neurotic leader, or a psychotic one like Hitler with a gift of guile and plenty of trigger-happy helpers, can start a movement among his like-minded countrymen. But the leaders are still the bosses. And much irrational behavior, whether in a dictatorship or a democracy, stems

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### Schedule for Draft Registration

Sept. 4 or Sept. 7—Men born in 1925.

Sept. 8 or Sept. 9—Men born in 1926.

Sept. 10 or Sept. 11—Men born in 1927.

Sept. 13 or Sept. 14—Men born in 1928.

Sept. 15 or Sept. 16—Men born in 1929.

Sept. 17 or Sept. 18—Men born in 1930.

## Reds in New Move to Take Over Berlin

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

Berlin, Sept. 4 — (AP) — Berlin's Communists today pushed their campaign to wrest power from the anti-Communist city government by forming what they called "a three-party democratic bloc representing the real interests of the people."

Anti-Communist leaders labeled the bloc an "election committee" through which Communists hope to take control of the city.

While the bloc plan was being touted, the Communist press threatened reprisals against Germans forging a "democratic" government that Bonn and accused them of "high treason."

American authorities interpreted the Communist bloc maneuver as another attempt to advance the Soviet position in the three-four-power negotiations on solving the Berlin crisis continued. A fifth meeting of the four military governors was scheduled today.

The Communists declared Christian Democrats and Liberal Democrats are ready to join the Soviet-sponsored Socialist United Party (SED) in forming the bloc.

Taegle Rundscha, official organ of the Soviet military administration, declared today that "Every German who helps at Bonn to create a Western German separate state tears the unity of Germany. Some day he will be asked to account for it."

While the "democratic bloc" held its meeting in the city hall in the Soviet sector of Berlin, there was no indication this was the final coup.

To the contrary, Communist press reports of the meeting said the bloc still represents the elected city government and would continue to deal with it.

The strategy apparently was to build up strength for a coup later. William H. Babcock, U. S. deputy commander in Berlin, named as "silly" Communist claims that their bloc could legally represent the people. He asserted that the group's membership represented only about 12 per cent of the city's assembly votes.

Louis Glaser, chief of the American military government's civil affairs branch, denounced the bloc maneuver as a "cheap propaganda trick" to give respectability to the Communist program.

In another Soviet move, Maj. Gen. Alexander G. Kotikov, Soviet commander for Berlin, recognized the pro-Russian splinter group of Christian Democrats as the only valid Christian Democratic party in future city elections.

In recognizing this branch, Kotikov rendered free elections impossible in the Soviet sector, the only place where the action could be carried out.

It placed a new obstacle in the way of holding city-wide elections in October.

As the negotiations of the four military governors entered their fifth day, the Soviet-licensed German news agency quoted "guilty well-informed French circles" as saying the West-sponsored B-mark would be withdrawn Sept. 15.

## Prison Keeper Guilty on Eight Counts

Los Angeles, Sept. 3 — (AP) — A verdict rendering Fumaya Kawakita a traitor was rendered by a federal court jury but it "can't stand," his defense counsel said as he prepared today to appeal the case.

The jury of nine women — including one Greek girl — and three men returned the verdict late yesterday holding Kawakita, 27, guilty of eight overt acts of abusing American captives while he served as a Japanese interpreter in Japan's Oeyama prison camp. Kawakita was charged with 13 acts.

The exhausted jury announced its decision after eight days of deliberation following 11 weeks of testimony.

If upheld the verdict could carry a death sentence, but U. S. Atty. James D. Carter made no demand for it. The penalty could be as low as five years imprisonment. The trial was reported to be the first on treason charges held west of the Mississippi.

Carter contended that Kawakita "acted in a way of aid and comfort to the United States' enemies."

The deliberations were marked by continued wrangling among the jurors, which reached such an explosive point that the foreman was removed from the room.

U. S. District Judge William C. Mathes, desiring a verdict after the long, expensive trial, sent the jury back to deliberate further.

The defendant called more than 30 witnesses, most of them former inmates of Camp Oeyama, a central Honshu Japanese prison, compelling them to work when participating in dueling an American in the camp cove.

All these charges, the Little California, Calif., born Nisei denied, asserting that camp discipline was under Japanese military and that his duties were merely those of an interpreter.

POPE PIUS XII

Vatican City, Sept. 4 — (AP) — A Vatican source reported last night Pope Pius XII was indisposed at his summer residence, Castel Gandolfo.

While the 72-year-old pontiff is indisposed, he is expected to be in Rome for the cancelled all-archbishop assembly.

## Says Ex-Russian Consul May Return as UN Representative

Sept. 4 — (AP) — The newspaper Stockholm Tidningen today quoted Jacob Lomakin, former Russian consul general in New York, as saying he might return to the United States as a member of the United Nations Commission on Freedom of the Press.

The newspaper carried a report of an interview with Lomakin aboard the Swedish liner Stockholm. Lomakin, whose ouster was demanded by the U. S. State Department, is scheduled to arrive at Gothenburg Monday.

The paper said Lomakin sharply criticized the United States for its "general unfriendliness" towards the Soviet Union.

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## Louisiana Points Gird for Hurricane

By JOHN COLTON

Houma, La., Sept. 4 — (UP) — The carillon in the steeple of St. Francis de Sales Catholic church chimed a call to mass at dawn today and 500 refugees left their hurricane shelters to offer prayers of thanksgiving.

They had come to Houma last night from their flimsy dwellings in the lowlands to seek haven in the courthouse and the school buildings as city officials and storm parties awaited this city's fifth hurricane since the turn of the century.

Houma, a shrimping center with a population of 13,000, had been warned at a late hour that it would feel the full force of a storm which had suddenly yesterday in the Gulf of Mexico.

First weather advisories had said Morgan City, another shrimping center southwest of Houma, was in the direct path of the 75-mile-an-hour winds.

But a later advisory indicated the hurricane had veered to the right and would sweep through Houma. But it only rained.

Mayor Leon Gary told Red Cross rescuers that Houma could offer no protection other than a few brick buildings, and a hangar at an airport that once had housed observation blimps.

Gary and the Red Cross made arrangements to feed the refugees at an accident at Hope. The accident involved a truck carrying 3,000 persons, when the winds subsided.

At 5 p. m. yesterday, the manager of a Houma restaurant brewed 25 gallons of coffee for the tired, French-speaking shrimpers, trappers and their children.

P. O. Hinchey, a paper cup company representative, rounded up 4,000 cups. A chain store manager walked through the shelters handing out candy to the men and candy to the children.

A few fishermen moored bottles of milk for their babies. The children romped through the house corridors, shouting happily. Some of them poured milk from the second floor on the heads of men milling around on the usual incidents.

Fishermen living on Isle de Jean Charles, near Houma, refused to leave their homes. "We okay here," one shouted. "We stick out dat hurricane."

The other excitement came after a power failure caused lights to go out temporarily in the court house.

A weird scream suddenly interrupted the quietness. Police had brought a handcuffed "Cain" trapper into the courthouse. He had drunk too much red wine.

A few hours later, the carillon at St. Francis de Sales summoned the refugees to worship.

## Legislators Oppose State Rail Ownership

Little Rock, Sept. 4 — (AP) — A proposal that the state of Arkansas buy and operate the Missouri and Arkansas railroad is opposed by at least five Arkansas legislators.

Announcing opposition to the idea was Rep. Lloyd Dammell, Hot Springs; R. M. Rutledge, Cotter; and Clarence Taylor, West Helena; and Senators E. J. Butler, Forrest City, and J. Orville Cheney, Calico Rock.

The other representatives yesterday expressed opinions that the non-operative line should be turned over to a private corporation or similar.

Similar comments were made by the two state Senators.

A proposal that Governor Loney call a special session of the legislature to consider state purchase of the line was advanced Thursday by Sen. Ernest Nicholson, Harrison, Ark.

An operating buyer of the line, A. S. A. is not found by Oct. 9, the property will be junked under order of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Representative Dammell said he doesn't believe there is sufficient time to call a special session of the legislature. He suggested the ICC extend the deadline so the matter could be taken up in the regular general assembly.

## Postoffice to Be Closed Labor Day

Monday, Labor day, Hope post office will be closed, Robert M. Wilson, postmaster, announced today.

The regular city delivery will be made in the morning, but there will be no rural delivery. Mail will be dispatched and placed in boxes as usual.

## Violence Flares in West Coast Shipping Strike

San Francisco, Sept. 4 — (AP) — Waterfront employers and Harry Bridges' CIO longshoremen drew their lines tighter today for a bitter "fight to the finish" in the West Coast Maritime strike.

First blood in the coastwide strike, which began Thursday, was drawn yesterday at Wilmington, a port for the Los Angeles area.

There, 150 AFL sailors, not bound by the CIO strike call, scuffled with about the same number of CIO pickets over the unloading of a lumber ship from Oregon. Heads were bloodied and knuckles bruised in the melee.

Two men, including a police officer, were hospitalized. Ten others all AFL sailors, were given first aid treatment at emergency hospitals. Police said CIO longshoremen injured were treated privately.

The violence subsided when the vessel pulled away from the dock and anchored in outer harbor, still unloaded.

Elsewhere picketing was without incident.

The employers yesterday presented a new "get tough" policy to the striking maritime unions, withdrawing all offers made during the lengthy but successful negotiations.

Bridges predicted the strike, which the government vainly sought to avert, would last four or six months, and if lost would put the union out of business.

A statement from the Waterfront Employers Association declared that "no more negotiations will be held and no contracts will be signed with any unions until their officers have disavowed Communism." It said 14 years of maritime "strikes, disruption and chaos" had resulted from "union leadership following the Communist party line."

(Bridges and some others have not signed Taft-Hartley act anti-Communism affidavits.)

## Wheel Comes Off Truck, Wreck Results

A dual wheel came off a truck, crashed into an approaching car and caused it to overturn, serious injuries last night about three miles west of Hope on Highway 67.

Occupants of the automobile, H. W. Beatty, his wife and two children, of Michigan, were treated at a local hospital but were believed not seriously injured.

Driver of the truck, Tom Cook, an Arkansas man, managed to maintain control of the truck, keeping it on the highway.

State and county officers investigated. The automobile was demolished.

## Man Who Lost Arm Reported Little Better

Vance Blodson, 21-year-old Hope man who suffered loss of his right arm about noon yesterday in an accident at Hope, reported "a little better," by hospital attendants today.

He said he had decided this afternoon that he would not return to work on Saturday night, while the white collar man sits at home, away from his family, learning to live with his youth learning to conjugate "amo, amas, amat" when he could have been earning a trade.

A quarter century ago the laboring man suffered forth to his day's toil carrying a bunch bucket full of crackers, onions and liverwurst. The lunchbucket was a kind of chess set.

And today more and more white collars, unable to pay their bills, are being hounded by a hard-boiled egg and notched banana.

How times do change. The day I passed an apartment building under construction. It was quiet, but the office — cheese said — had a cab, not in and out of the lot.

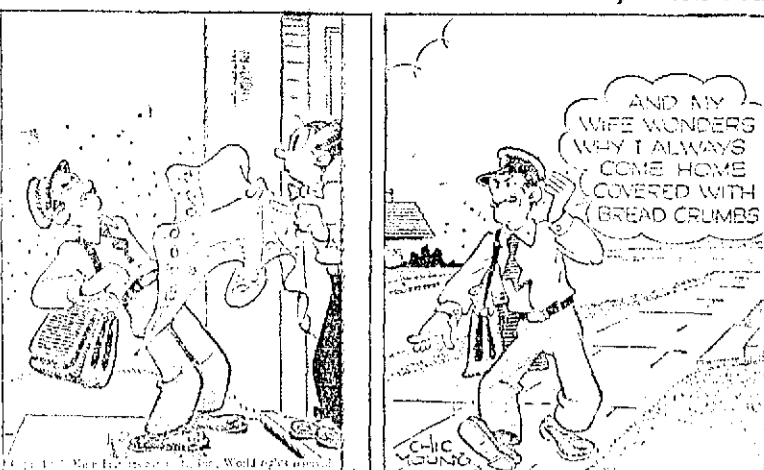
Off home, James, I mentioned this later to another cab driver.

"On a lot of them do that now," he said. "They're flush. And they're better tipped than a lot of the Wall Street boys."

Who cares whether he wears a white collar or not if he can ride home from work in a cab? Nope, the starched white collar, the income tax, the 1040, the 1041, the 1042, the 1043, the 1044, the 1045, the 1046, the 1047, the 1048, the 1049, the 1050, the 1051, the 1052, the 1053, the 1054, the 1055, the 1056, the 1057, the 1058, the 1059, the 1060, the 1061, the 1062, the 1063, the 1064, the 1065, the 1066, the 1067, the 1068, the 1069, the 1070, the 1071, the 1072, the 1073, the 1074, the 1075, the 1076, the 1077, the 1078, the 1079, the 1080, the 1081, the 1082, the 1083, the 1084, the 1085, the 1086, the 1087, the 1088, the 1089, the 1090, the 1091, the 1092, the 1093, the 1094, the 1095, the 1096, the 1097, the 1098, the 1099, the 1100, the 1101, the 1102, the 1103, the 1104, the 1105, the 1106, the 1107, the 1108, the 1109, the 1110, the 1111, the 1112, the 1113, the 1114, the 1115, the 1116, the 1117, the 1118, the 1119, the 1120, the 1121, the 1122, the 1123, the 1124, the 1125, the 1126, the 1127, the 1128, the 1129, the 1130, the 1131, the 1132, the 1133, the 1134, 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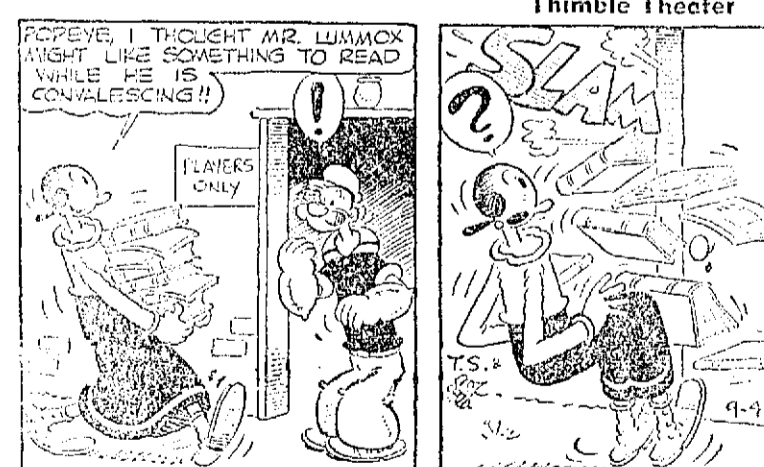
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By Blosser



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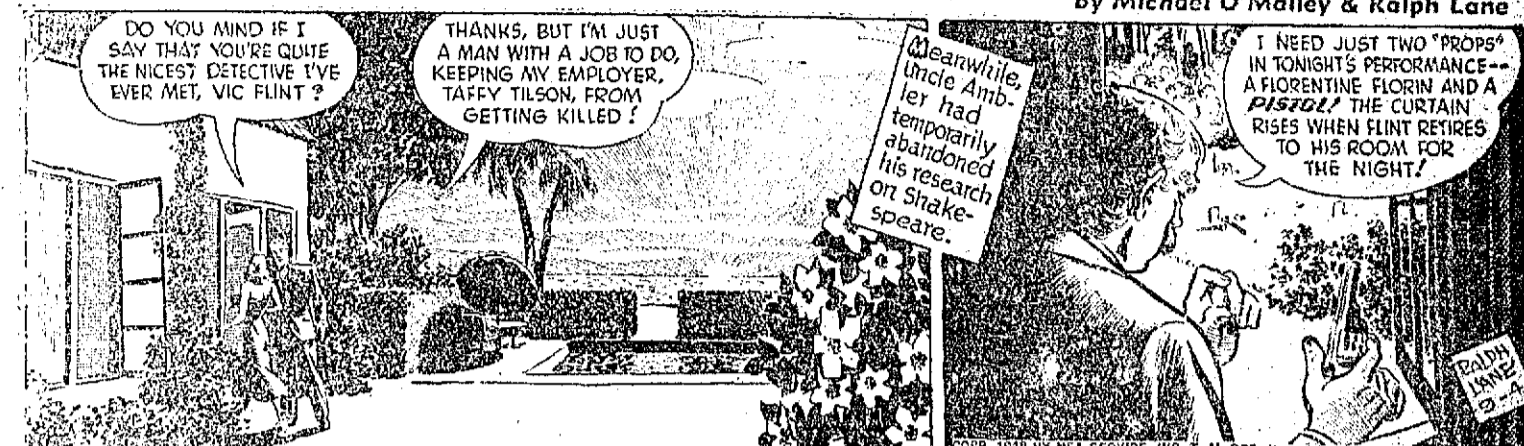
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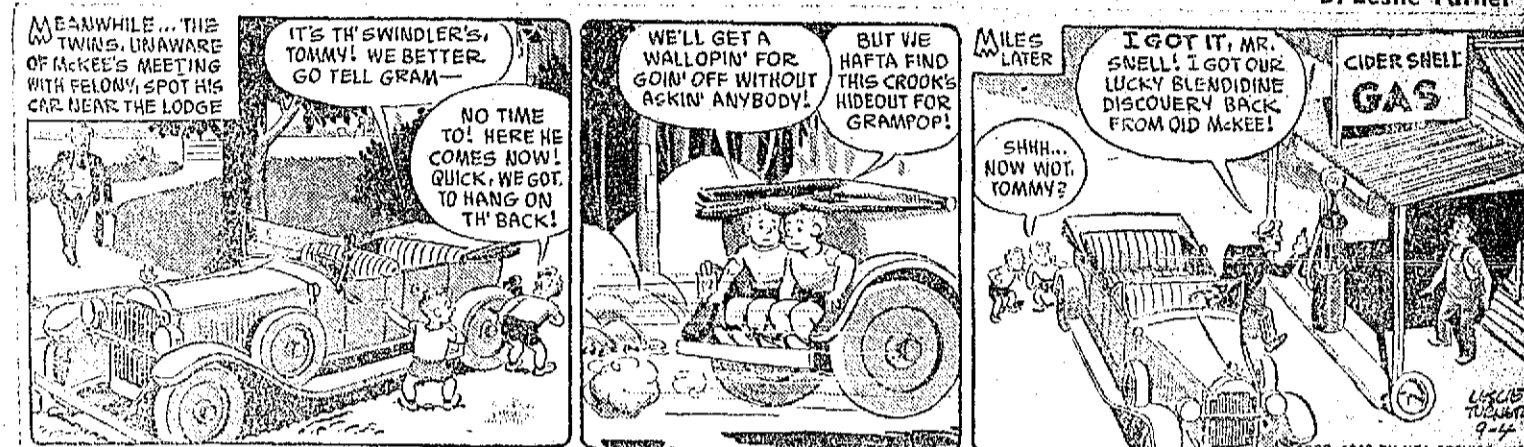
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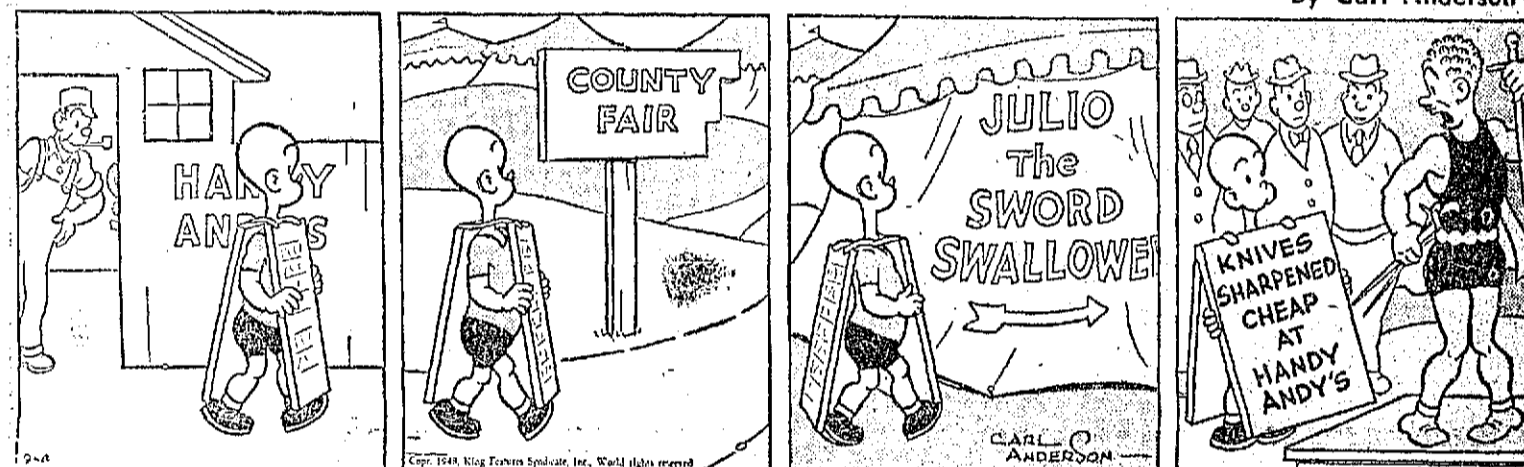
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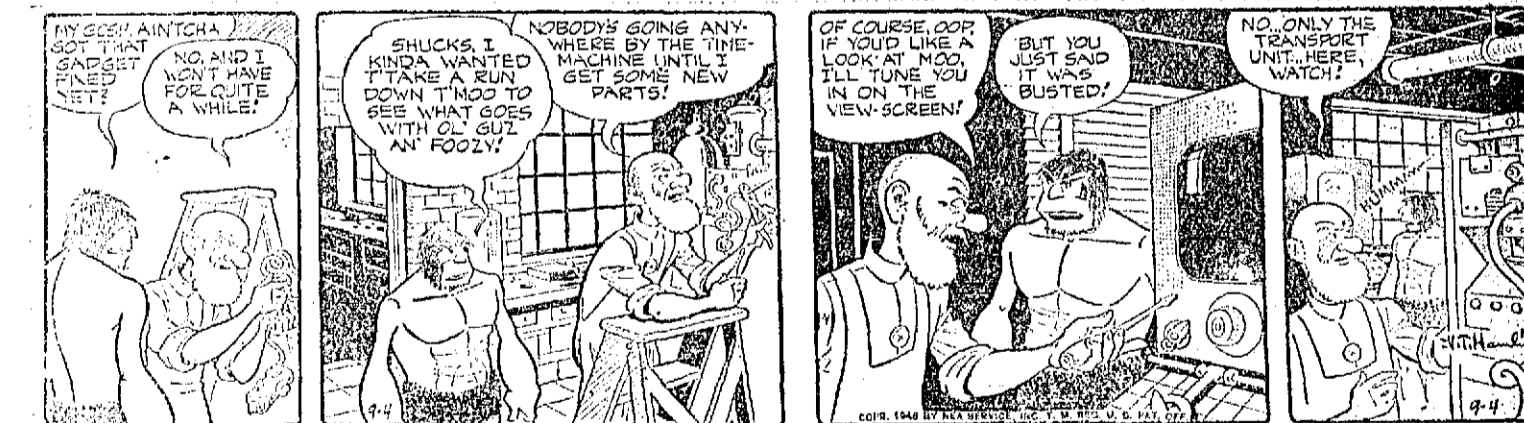
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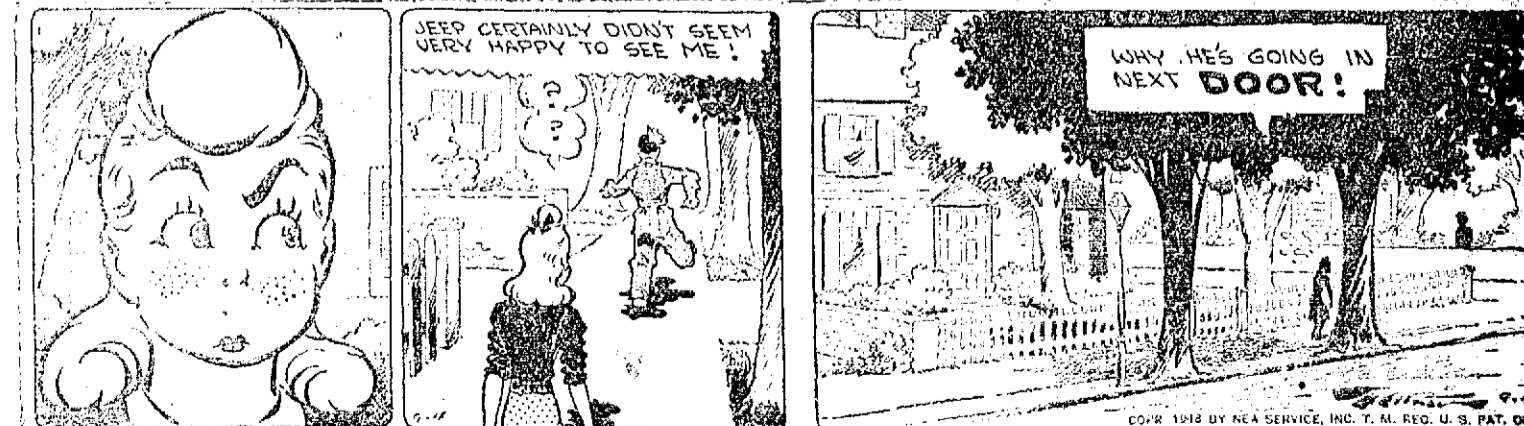
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